

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Nahid Islam	Examiner:	Nguyen, Tai
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**RULE 116 RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner of Patents  
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**Introductory Comments**

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action Dated June 19, 2006 finally rejecting claims 1-20, applicant respectfully submits the following response. This after-final response should be entered according to Rule 116, because it places the application in condition for allowance by amending the independent claim 1 to include the limitations of an objected to but otherwise allowable dependent claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 18 as originally filed.

Claim 18 has been canceled.